

"(II) has information that is necessary for the officer to conduct an official duty related to subclause (I):
"(ii) locating or apprehending the member is an official duty; and
"(iii) the request is being made in the proper exercise of an official duty; and
"(E) the safeguards shall not prevent compliance with paragraph (16);".

SEC. 838. EXPEDITED COUPON SERVICE.

Section 11(e)(9) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(9)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "five days" and inserting "7 days";
(2) by striking subparagraph (B);
(3) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraphs (B) and (C);
(4) in subparagraph (B), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking "five days" and inserting "7 days"; and
(5) in subparagraph (C), as redesignated by paragraph (3), by striking ", (B), or (C)" and inserting "or (B)".

SEC. 839. WITHDRAWING FAIR HEARING REQUESTS.

Section 11(e)(10) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(10)) is amended by inserting before the semicolon at the end a period and the following: "At the option of a State, at any time prior to a fair hearing determination under this paragraph, a household may withdraw, orally or in writing, a request by the household for the fair hearing. If the withdrawal request is Notice, an oral request, the State agency shall provide a written notice to the household confirming the withdrawal request and providing the household with an opportunity to request a hearing".

SEC. 840. INCOME, ELIGIBILITY, AND IMMIGRATION STATUS VERIFICATION SYSTEMS.

Section 11 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2020) is amended—
(1) in subsection (e)(18), as redesignated by section 835(USD)—
(6) by striking "that information is" and inserting "at the option of the State agency, that information may be";
and
(7) by striking "shall be requested" and

inserting "may
be requested": and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(n) STATE VERIFICATION OPTION.—
Notwithstanding any other
provision of law, in carrying out the food
stamp program, a State
agency shall not be required to use an
income and eligibility or
an immigration status verification system
established under section
1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
1320b-7).".

SEC. 841. **INVESTIGATIONS.**

Section 12(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.

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is amended by adding at the end the following:

"Regulations issued Regulations,
pursuant to this Act shall provide criteria for the
finding of a
violation and the suspension or disqualification of a
retail food
store or wholesale food concern on the basis of
evidence that may